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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Confirmation No.: 1876

Inventors: Daniel F. Williams et al.

APR 16 2004

Group Art Unit: 2163

Appln. No.: 09/944,324

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Examiner: Not Yet assigned

Filed: August 30, 2001

For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND MANUFACTURE FOR FACILITATING A
SELF-ORGANIZING WORKFORCE

Mail Stop Petitions –
Attn.: Ms. Andrea Smith, Paralegal
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) TO REVIVE AN
UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION**

Sir/Madam:

On December 4, 2003, a notice of abandonment (Attachment 1) was mailed in this case. The notice of abandonment indicates that the application was abandoned for failure to timely reply to a notice to file missing parts mailed on October 5, 2001, (hereinafter "Notice").

The inventors and assignee did not intend to let this application go abandoned. The entire delay in filing the enclosed reply to the Notice from the due date for reply of December 5, 2001, until the filing of the petition was unintentional. Thus, this petition to revive is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b).

A response to the Notice was not timely filed because the undersigned was unaware that the Notice had been received. The Declaration of Jo Howell (Attachment 2), our docketing clerk, indicates that our docket system was inadvertently not updated to reflect receipt of the Notice or the date for responding thereto.

The delay in filing this petition between December 5, 2004, and today was the result of our initial erroneous conclusion that it was the Office's mistake in abandoning the case. A

petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment was prepared and finalized for submission at the end of March. It was at this time, when copying the filing receipt for inclusion in the petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment, that the Notice was discovered attached to the original filing receipt. The petition was changed from one requesting a withdrawal of the holding of abandonment to one petitioning to revive the application as being unintentional abandoned. Thus, the receipt of the Notice was not recognized until we prepared the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The Notice indicates that drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 are required. As such, to properly respond to the Notice, formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 are submitted herewith.

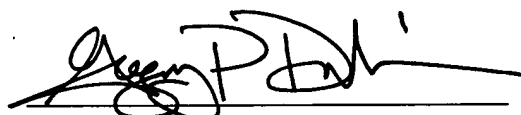
It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and the application be reinstated for prosecution on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$1,330 petition fee, and any additional fees with regard to this petition to Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

If there are any questions or further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Signed at Denver, Colorado, this 6th day of April 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION
LETTER

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Date Mailed: 12/04/2003

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 10/05/2001.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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ATTACHMENT 1

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DECLARATION OF JO HOWELL

Sir/Madam:

1. I, Jo Howell, am a docketing clerk in the Denver office of Dorsey & Whitney LLP. As part of my responsibilities, I receive U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (hereafter "USPTO") documents. Upon receipt, I review the documents noting the mailing date of the document and the timing for response, and add a docket entry reflecting the date a response is due.

2. Exhibit 1 is a copy of the filing receipt (2 pages) for the above-referenced case. Further, Exhibit 1 includes a copy of the notice to filing missing parts (1 page) for the above-referenced case, which was attached to the filing receipt when received from the USPTO.

3. The lower left hand corner of the filing receipt includes a stamp, where I have initialed "Jo", the date of receipt "10/11/01" and the docket number of this case 11049.00. This stamp indicates that I received the document on October 11, 2001 and entered it into our docketing system. It is my practice to stamp, initial, date, and indicate the docket number on each document received from the USPTO.

4. The lower left hand corner of the notice to file missing parts does not include a stamp and does not include any information indicating that I reviewed the document when it was received. It is my customary practice to stamp, initial, date, and indicate the docket number on each document received from the USPTO. Had I recognized the notice to file missing parts at the time of my review and docketing, I would have stamped, initialed, dated and indicated the docket number separately from the filing receipt.

5. Exhibit 2 is a copy of the docket report (2 pages) for the above-referenced case.

6. The second page of the docket report includes a comment box. The last line of text in the comment box has entry "Rec'd official filing receipt 10/11/01," (underlined) which indicates that the filing receipt was received on October 11, 2001, and that I entered the information into the docket at that time.

7. The docket report does not have any entry for the notice to file missing parts or shortened statutory 2 month response due date of December 5, 2001. Thus, the lack of an entry for the notice to file missing parts on the docket report further reflects the fact that I did not recognize that we had received the notice to file missing parts or docket the related information.

8. From our docketing and filing records as described in Paragraphs 1-7 above, it is my conclusion that I inadvertently did not update the docket system to reflect receipt of the notice to file missing parts. Further, I inadvertently did not update the docket system to reflect the 2 month due date for responding to the notice to file missing parts or the due dates with extensions of time to respond.

I hereby certify that all statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: 4/6/04 Jo Howell
Jo Howell

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April 2004 by Jo Howell.

Expiration Date: 9/24/05

Virginia A. Samuels
Notary Public



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FILING RECEIPT



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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Larry L. Ostema, Denver, CO;
Matthew N. Jensen, Seattle, WA;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/229,928 09/01/2000

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 10/04/2001

Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Corrected Papers

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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Title

Method, apparatus, and manufacture for facilitating a self-organizing workforce

Preliminary Class

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EXHIBIT 1

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Patent Record Sheet

Docket ID	1483/US/1	Attorneys	DURBIN Greg P., OSMAN Lee R., FERNE Cheryl Arnold
Former ID	DV-11049/US/02	Application No	09/944324
Client	CompanyWay.com, Inc.	Application Date	Aug-30-2001
Client-Matter	460319-00002	Grant No	
Country	United States of America	Grant Date	
Short Title	Method, Apparatus, and Manufacture for Facilitating a Self-Organizing Workforce	1st Publication No	
		1st Publication Date	
		Expiration Date	Sep-01-2020
		Priority Date	Sep-01-2000
Inventors	JENSEN Matthew N., WILLIAMS Daniel F., OSTEMA Larry L.	License of Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Convention	Pri. Claimed	Claimed Priorities and Parent Records	
Origin		Relation	Docket ID Date Primary
Type	Patent	Base Provisional	1483/US 9/1/2000 <input type="checkbox"/>
Sub Type		Priority	1483/US 9/1/2000 <input type="checkbox"/>
Status	Pending	Foreign Assoc. & Ref. No.	
Sub Status		Tax Receiver	

Docket

Action / Event	Reminder	Due	Done/Recorded	Resp Party
Notes				
Status Inquiry		Jun-14-2004		
US-Filing Date (Utility)-Rtn Card Received? (Due Date)		Sep-30-2001	Jan-01-1901	
Awaiting Filing Receipt		Oct-15-2001	Jan-01-1901	
Correct Filing Receipt (Reminder)		Nov-05-2001	Jan-01-1901	
IDS Due		Nov-30-2001	Jan-01-1901	
Correct Filing Date (Due Date)		Dec-30-2001	Jan-01-1901	
Check Req for Corr Rec (10/26) (Due Date)		Mar-01-2002	Jan-01-1901	
Awaiting Corrected F. Receipt (Due Date)		Apr-01-2002	Jan-01-1901	
3 Mo Reminder to Foreign File Utility		May-30-2002	Jan-01-1901	
2 Mo Reminder to Foreign File Utility		Jun-30-2002	Jan-01-1901	
US-Filing Date (Utility)-Record Assignment (Due Date)		Jun-30-2002	Jan-01-1901	
1 Mo Reminder to Foreign File Utility		Jul-30-2002	Jan-01-1901	
Foreign Filing Utility Deadline		Aug-30-2002	Jan-01-1901	
US-Filing Date (Utility)-Awaiting Recorded Assignment (Due Date)		Aug-30-2002	Jan-01-1901	
Await corrected assignment (Due Date)		Mar-05-2003	Jan-01-1901	
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Memo

PRIORITY: 60/229928 filed 9/1/00;
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Suppl IDS 9/30/02; Rec'd corr'd rec assign 9/30/02 REEL/FRAME: 013009/0653 Rec date: 6/20/02; Filed suppl. IDS
9/23/02; Rec'd rtn card - req for corr 9/17/02; Filed req for corr assign 9/5/02; Rec'd rec assign (REEL/FRAME
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receipt 3/11/02; Rec'd req. for correct fil rcpt fil pstcrd 2/7/02; Req. for Corrected Receipt filed 10/26/01; Rec'd. official filing
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following documents:

1. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application (2 pages);
2. Attachment 1 – Notice of Abandonment dated December 4, 2003 (1 page);
3. Attachment 2 – Declaration of Jo Howell (2 pages);
4. Exhibit 1 – Filing Receipt (2 pages) and Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 5, 2001 (1 page);
5. Exhibit 2 – Patent Record Sheet (2 pages);
6. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (2 pages);
7. Twenty (20) formal drawing sheets;
8. Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail; and
9. Return Card,

relating to the above application, were deposited as "Express Mail," Mailing Label No. EV 447 216 310 US with the United States Postal Service, addressed to Mail Stop Petitions, Ms. Andrea Smith, Paralegal, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 6 day of April 2004.

Date: 4/6/2004

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